

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT
DOCKETING STATEMENT--CIVIL/AGENCY CASES**

Directions: Counsel must make a **docketing statement (civil/agency) filed** entry in CM/ECF within 14 days of docketing of the appeal, or within the due date set by the clerk's docketing notice, whichever is later. File with the entry the (1) docketing statement form with any extended answers and (2) any transcript order form. Parties proceeding pro se are not required to file a docketing statement. Opposing counsel who finds a docketing statement inaccurate or incomplete may file any objections within 10 days of service of the docketing statement using the ECF event-**docketing statement objection/correction filed**.

Appeal No. & Caption	25-1575; The Sustainability Institute v. Trump
Originating No. & Caption	2:25-cv-2152; The Sustainability Institute v. Trump
Originating Court/Agency	District of South Carolina

Jurisdiction (answer any that apply)		
Statute establishing jurisdiction in Court of Appeals	28 U.S.C. § 1292(a)(1)	
Time allowed for filing in Court of Appeals	60 days under FRAP 4(a)(1)(B)	
Date of entry of order or judgment appealed	4/29/2025; 5/20/2025	
Date notice of appeal or petition for review filed	5/21/2025	
If cross appeal, date first appeal filed		
Date of filing any post-judgment motion		
Date order entered disposing of any post-judgment motion		
Date of filing any motion to extend appeal period		
Time for filing appeal extended to		
Is appeal from final judgment or order?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
If appeal is not from final judgment, why is order appealable? The orders in question grant injunctions and are immediately appealable under 28 U.S.C. § 1292(a)(1).		

Settlement (The docketing statement is used by the circuit mediator in pre-briefing review and mediation conducted under Local Rule 33. Counsel may make a confidential request for mediation by calling the Office of the Circuit Mediator at 843-731-9099.)		
Is settlement being discussed?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No

Transcript (transcript order must be attached if transcript is needed and not yet on file)		
Is transcript needed for this appeal?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Has transcript been filed in district court?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Is transcript order attached?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No

Case Handling Requirements (answer any that apply)		
Case number of any prior appeal in same case		
Case number of any pending appeal in same case		
Identification of any case pending in this Court or Supreme Court raising similar issue	If abeyance or consolidation is warranted, counsel must file an appropriate motion.	
Is expedited disposition necessary?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
	If yes, motion to expedite must be filed.	
Is oral argument necessary?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Does case involve question of first impression?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Does appeal challenge constitutionality of federal or state statute in case to which federal or state government is not a party	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
	If yes, notice re: challenge to constitutionality of law must be filed.	

Nature of Case (Nature of case and disposition below. Attach additional page if necessary.)
<p>Plaintiffs challenge decisions by four federal agencies to pause or terminate certain grants associated with plaintiffs. Plaintiffs claim that those decisions violate the relevant statutes, the APA, and the Constitution.</p> <p>On April 29, the district court entered an effective preliminary injunction requiring the government to continue funding some of the grants. On May 20, the district court entered a preliminary injunction on some of plaintiffs' claims and a permanent injunction on other claims; both injunctions require the government to make grant funds available to plaintiffs.</p>

Issues (Non-binding statement of issues on appeal. Attach additional page if necessary)

The issue on appeal is whether the district court erred in entering preliminary and permanent injunctions on plaintiffs' claims.

Adverse Parties (List adverse parties to this appeal and their attorneys; provide party's address if the party is not represented by counsel. Attach additional page if necessary.)

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Certificate of Service (required for parties served outside CM/ECF): I certify that this document was served on _____ by <input type="checkbox"/> personal delivery; <input type="checkbox"/> mail; <input type="checkbox"/> third-party commercial carrier; or <input type="checkbox"/> email (with written consent) on the following persons at the addresses or email addresses shown:	
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Adverse Parties

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